Remarks

By this amendment, the specification has been updated to reflect prior related applications, to insert the abstract on a separate page, and to amend certain claims of the international application. In particular, claims 8, 9, 11 and 12 are rewritten to depend from a single claim. Also, new claims 13-21 have been added.

Claim 4 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

If any issues remain to be discussed prior to examination, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

KLARQUIST SPARKMAN, LLP

Ву

Jeffrey B. Haendler Registration No. 43,652

One World Trade Center, Suite 1600 121 S.W. Salmon Street Portland, Oregon 97204

Telephone: (503) 595-5300 Facsimile: (503) 228-9446

A SPHERICAL BEARING ARRANGEMENT <u>AND METHODS</u> ABSTRACT

A spherical bearing arrangement (1) having has a bearing housing (3) and a ball (4) located therein, with the bearing housing (3) having an outer housing (5), an inner housing (6) and an annular elastomeric portion (7) sandwiched between the housings (5,6), and a method Methods of making the same comprising the steps of bearing arrangement comprise: swaging an inner housing (6) onto a ball (4); providing an annular elastomeric portion (7) around an outer surface of the inner housing (6); and swaging an outer housing onto the elastomeric portion (7).